

Cleveland, Aug. 14 - 1854
My dear Mr. Webb,
We understand and sympathize with Mr. Webb had been speaking your gentle treatment of Mr. Cham-
crovson on the ground that it will gratify
us; and this I have no great fear of such
a motive influencing you in your conduct
when a matter of principle appears to you
involved in it. I must take advantage
of a letter I am forwarding to that gentleman
at his special request, in order to enter
our protest against such the notion as
that we could be gratified by anybody
being treated in any way different from
that which those who have to deal
with him find he merits. Any wish
we may have on the point amounts
only to a hope that for the Cause's sake
you will show that liberality which
will benefit Mr. Ch. if he is open to conviction
which if he should hereafter be proved
to be the traitor &c. &c. &c. that some consideration
him, will prevent him from making any
case against the American Ab. Soc^y on the
ground of their refusing to give him a hearing

or extend to him a helping hand. I fancy
Mr Webb is about as anxious as I am
on this point, but preferred shifting the
responsibility on to our shoulders that
he might not come in for a share of your
rebukes or be called a "wicked compromiser"
as our poor dear Eliza Wigham was once!
At any rate I wish you to know that tho'
our cloud mind bearing the whole burden
of your displeasure it would be misplaced
on this occasion, for we should be far
from gratified ^{at} any one who is proven un-
deserving of confidence or even civility
receiving it out of regard to our supposed
prejudices. You know we have always
looked upon Mr C. as holding in his hands
a machinery which he may will for evil
or for good: there is no destroying the instru-
ment, but it may be kept still, or provoked to
do mischief, or (we think tho' you don't) converted
to good according to the way in which it is
dealt with ~~it~~ ^{you & those who sympathize}
with you. I have sent Mr Ch. ^{will ask him to show you} a copy of my
Father's letter to the Manchester Conference
which you heard may have seen acknowledged
in the account of the public meeting. (I hope
the two ^{Manchester} papers reached you.) My Father

was not well enough to dictate the letter
till the very day before hand, she could
hardly manage it when the time came,
it was worse afterwards. Any sort of com-
position affects him more than ^{other} ~~small~~
mental efforts. He can give opinions,
& express himself most clearly & promptly
if he is not thinking about wording
for a letter, but in the latter case he
grows giddy, has feverish nights, & ^{blazing}
days. I suppose this indicates the
sort of mental effort that brought
on his first attack of paralysis. He is
better than he was while the extreme heat
lasted but not what he was before. We
are going home next week; how long we
shall be able to remain there is prob-
lematical. How well I enter into your
difficulty in realizing your ideal and
your pity for the world's loss at your
unfulfilled designs! I live in that
condition of incomplete plans, duties
they often seem, but it is difficult to decide
which should have the first place; but some
are always slipping by while others are being performed.
It can't really be that the undone things are
essential as we in our shortightedness suppose.

or we should be empowered to accom-
plish them. Your allusion to my
domestic capacities has kept me in a
state of chronic ^{self} abatement, for the fact
is that everything that goes right in our
household is due to Ann's invaluable
forethought & activity, & all that is lacking
comes from my obliviousness. I often wish
the "Friends of the Cause" who load me with
their eulogies would transfer nine tenths
it to Ann; for I couldn't write to them on a
to the things they prize if Ann did not ante-
cipate all the domestic cares that I ^{otherwise}
have to provide for. I am sure if Mr Pills-
bury's friends knew how much of what they call
my nursing was hers, they would not
give me such undivided thanks for
his well-being. His last accounts of
himself are rather more satisfactory.
He was going to Scotland this week, & he
^{by a fall from his horse} death of one of the Lepton family having
substituted his visit to Leeds for the present.
He has been addressing some meetings at
Penny, & other places in Lancashire with
great effect; & he says he is not worse for it,
but he does not lose the pain in his side.
I enclose one of the letters I mentioned to
Mr Cham-^{er} to me about that Liberator letter
the first I was unable to preserve a copy of. It
will show you the nature of my correspondence.